

**Aurora Academic Charter School  
Special Meeting of Aurora Board of Directors Minutes for August 19, 2020  
(Virtual)**

Board Chair: Arlene Huhn  
Recording Secretary: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Keira Hanrahan, Arlene Huhn, Nokuthula Sithole, Robert Kossick, Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Zahida Hirani-Saran, Felix Amenaghawon, Paul Wozny

Guests: Janet Rockwood, Ian Gray, Jacqueline Harman, Peter Dang, Mary Healy, Wilson Shieh

**1. Call to Order 7:06pm**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:06pm, and was held online in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

This special meeting was called to review and vote on the allocation of funds to support the “on-line” or “in class” motion made at the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Special Board Meeting.

**2. Approval of the Agenda – Attachment 1**

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented made by: Keira Hanrahan  
Seconded by Shazin Mohamed-Standing  
Unanimous. Carried

**3. School Re-entry/COVID-19 update and plans**

Aurora School Re-entry Poll update (data to inform school-based and home-based learning support program numbers at this point in time) Attachment 2

Dr. Paul Wozny, Janet Rockwood, and Jacqueline Harman presented the results of the parent survey sent out to parents on Aug 14, 2020 regarding return to school. As of August 18, 2020, the following response from parents has been.

292 number of parents requesting at home  
518 returning to school  
62 Non-respondents

Discussions around ridership of school buses and the effect that the option to receive “At home learning support” on transportation. Transportation data had not been collected as part of the survey.

Discussions around what learning would look like under different scenarios. Such as supports for in-class learners who are ill. Discussed what happens if 2 individuals test positive to COVID. Discussions around class sizes and impacts for both in class and online learners.

**4. Discussion on Finances available**

Discussion around how much surplus to be considered for support to the learning of both “At Home” and “In Class” instruction scenarios during COVID-19.

## **5. Resource Allocation**

Discussed proposal from previous board meeting with revised financial implications of \$98,530 per term. Principals presented on how the support would be used, how the support could implement long term solutions, and what the online learning would look like.

Motion to provide \$25,000 to each school to support COVID-related teacher support and digitization costs in the first term of 2020/21 school year, made by Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Robert Kossick

For: 6

Against: 1

Motion Carried

Keira Hanrahan left the meeting at 10:06pm

Discussions around allocation of Administrators and the benefit in having an Administrator dedicated to the online learners.

Motion to temporarily reassign an administrative support currently employed with AACCS to support the AACCS home learning program in the 2020/2021 school year, made by Zahida Hirani-Saran

Seconded by: Felix Amenaghawon

For: 4

Against: 2

Abstain: 1

Motion Carried

## **3. New Business**

### **1. Investment**

Motion to renew the GIC that maturing on August 21, 2020 for another 9-month term, made by Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

### **2. Acting Superintendent**

Motion to appoint, as the successful applicant in the superintendent recruitment process, Janet Rockwood as the AACCS Acting Superintendent between Sept 1 2020 and Aug 31 2021, made by, Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

## **4. Next Board Meeting**

To be held Sept 2020

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn – Shazin Mohamed-Standing at 10:25pm